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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 (1 sheet). Copies of the listed documents are attached. These documents comprise photocopies of labels from commercially-available organizer products purchased by Applicant during the summer of 1997. Applicant is unaware of the date when these products were first offered for sale or sold within the United States or abroad.

In addition to the items disclosed in the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicant is aware of other similar products currently

available commercially. Applicant has not submitted additional specific examples, however, because they are merely cumulative of those disclosed herein, and because those known to Applicant are no more material than the ones submitted here.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is made with the reservations set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.98. As noted, Applicant does not know whether any of these products were commercially or publicly available in a manner which would qualify them as prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Applicant reserves the right to challenge the applicability of any or all of these documents and information as "prior art" and as to the impact if any of any such document or item of information on the patentability of claims in this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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